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SONIC AND AMY THE HEDGEHOGS AND KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA ARE TRAPPED IN A NEW LOCATION WITHOUT EXPLANATION. HOLD ON TIGHT! THERE'S NO TIME FOR RELAXATION BECAUSE WE'VE GOTTA GO FAST!

THIS IS ANOTHER FINE MESS YOU'VE GOTTEN US INTO, SONIC!

ME? HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT, KNUCKLES?

DING DING

DING

DING

YEAH! THIS HAS TO BE ONE OF *DOCTOR EGGMAN'S TRAPS*. SONIC DIDN'T BRING US HERE.

no thanks for the memories! Part Two

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

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THINK ABOUT IT, AMY.

NONE OF US WOULD BE HERE IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR *BOYFRIEND.*

I'M NOT HER "*BOYFRIEND.*"

DING

DING

DING

"*IF SONIC HADN'T INVOKED CHAOS CONTROL DURING A BATTLE AGAINST EGGMAN ON OUR WORLD...*"

I HAVE ALL THE *CHAOS EMERALDS* NOW, EGGMAN!

GIVE UP OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES!

"*...WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SUCKED THROUGH A DIMENSIONAL RIFT AND TRAPPED ON EARTH!*"

WHAT'S THAT?

I HOPE SONIC'S ALL RIGHT.

WHATEVER'S HAPPENING, IT'S *SONIC'S FAULT!*

**THIS HAPPENED IN THE FIRST EPISODE OF THE SONIC X TV SHOW.*

SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?

LET EGGMAN GET AWAY WITH CONQUERING OUR WORLD AND EARTH?

WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE *YOU?*

ALMOST EVERY TIME YOU GET INTO A FIGHT WITH EGGMAN, YOUR FRIENDS GET MIXED UP IN IT, TOO!

SOME DAY, ONE OR MORE OF US *MAY NOT SURVIVE* ONE OF YOUR BATTLES!

SONIC DIDN'T START THIS WAR. IT ALL BEGAN WHEN *EGG-MAN* TRIED TO *CONQUER* OUR HOME.

I WON'T LET HIM CONQUER *ANY* PLANET *I* LIVE ON!

BELIEVE ME--IF EGGMAN LEFT US ALL ALONE, I'D HAVE *NO REASON* TO FIGHT WITH HIM.

HA HA HA!

EGG-MAN!

HA HA HA!

KNUCKLES, WAIT! THAT'S NOT DOCTOR EGGMAN!

BAM

ZAP

HA HA HA!

HA HA HA!

YOW!

HA HA HA!

HA HA HA!

LOOKS LIKE WE GRABBED YOU JUST IN TIME!

MEANWHILE, CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE AND HIS GRANDFATHER CHUCK SEARCH FOR SONIC, KNUCKLES, AND THE OTHER OTHER-WORLDLY FRIENDS AT THE TEMPLE OF THE MASTER EMERALD ON ANGEL ISLAND.

SO THAT'S *IT*? SONIC, AMY, TAILS, EVEN KNUCKLES--THEY ALL *LEAVE EARTH* WITHOUT EVEN SAYING *GOOD-BYE*?

I'M GOING TO BE ALL *ALONE* AGAIN.

NOT *ALL* ALONE, CHRIS.

I'M STILL HERE.

DO YOU THINK THEY ALL WENT BACK TO THEIR HOME PLANET, GRANDPA?

IT'S POSSIBLE.

WHY WOULD THEY LEAVE *WITHOUT TELLING ME*?

MAYBE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE. MAYBE THEY JUST VANISHED, LIKE *VECTOR, ESPY,* AND *CHARMY.**

BEEP BEEP

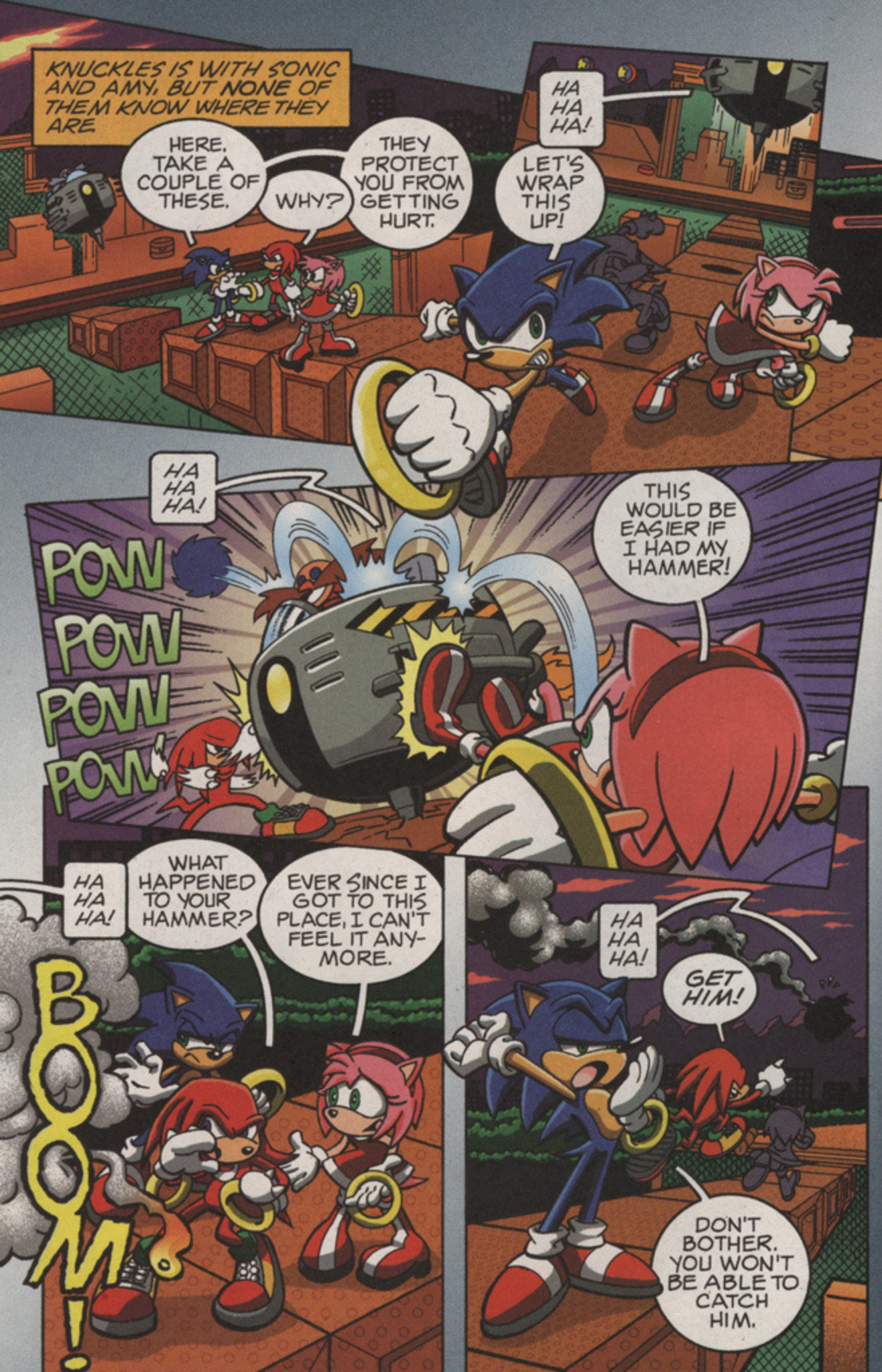
BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'VE LEFT. MY SCANNER IS PICKING UP THE *ENERGY SIGNATURE* OF THE *MASTER EMERALD*-- AND IT'S *STILL ON EARTH!*

BEEP BEEP

IF WE FIND THE MASTER EMERALD, THEN WE'LL FIND KNUCKLES! HE'D *NEVER* LEAVE WITHOUT IT!

AND *HE* MAY KNOW WHERE SONIC AND THE OTHERS ARE!

*AS SEEN IN THE LAST ISSUE.


KNUCKLES IS WITH SONIC AND AMY. BUT NONE OF THEM KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.
HERE. TAKE A COUPLE OF THESE.
WHY?
THEY PROTECT YOU FROM GETTING HURT.
HA HA HA!
LET'S WRAP THIS UP!
HA HA HA!
POW
POW
POW
POW
THIS WOULD BE EASIER IF I HAD MY HAMMER!
HA HA HA!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAMMER?
EVER SINCE I GOT TO THIS PLACE, I CAN'T FEEL IT ANY-MORE.
BOOM!
HA HA HA!
GET HIM!
DON'T BOTHER. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM.

BESIDES, IT'S JUST SOME KIND OF *ROBOT!*

ROUGE!

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, BIG BOY!

THIS BAT IS *BUSTIN' OUT!*

YOW!

NOW WHAT?

I'D SAY WE'RE BEING MOVED TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

CRACK

HMMMMM. PRETTY LITTLE THINGS, JUST LIKE ME!

YOU'VE GOT TO *SHARE THOSE RINGS,* ROUGE THEY PROTECT US FROM ATTACKS.

WATER! I *HATE* WATER!

SPLASH!

MISTER TANAKA'S BEEN GIVING YOU *SWIMMING LESSONS* IN CHRIS'S SWIMMING POOL.

DOES THIS MAKE US *ENGAGED* NOW?

NOT IN A HUNDRED MILLION YEARS!

YOU *KNOW HOW TO SWIM* NOW, OR YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE PRESIDENT'S MISSION A WHILE BACK.*

THAT DOESN'T MEAN I *LIKE* WATER!

*IT HAPPENED IN ISSUE #2.

WHEN I DID THE MISSION FOR THE PRESIDENT, I HAD *DIVING GEAR.* I DON'T THIS TIME.

DON'T WORRY, SONIC. WE'LL PROTECT YOU!

I HATE WATER. I HATE WATER. I HATE WATER.

YIKES!

BLAST! THE WATER'S SLOWING ME WAY DOWN!

THOSE FISHBOTS GOT BY ME!

OUCH!

BLOOP

BLOOP

NAB

RUNNING OUT OF AIR!

I WISH I HADN'T DROPPED MY RING!

GASP GASP

I WONDER WHAT THIS DOES...?

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE STEPPED ON THAT BUTTON!

WHOOOSH!

HA HA HA!

HA HA HA!

THERE'S THAT FAKE EGGMAN, BUT I CAN'T REACH HIM TO BOP HIM!

HA HA HA!

I THINK THERE'S A WAY OUT OVERHEAD.

WHAT HAPPENED ?

SPLASH!

I CAN'T FLY FOR SOME REASON.

WELL, HURRY! THE WATER'S ABOUT TO OVERTAKE US!

MEANWHILE, AT THE SOUTH POLE, WHERE DR. EGGMAN IS HIDING OUT ABOARD HIS EGG CARRIER...

WHEEEEEE! ISN'T THIS A HOOT!?!

WE DON'T KNOW. YOU WON'T LET *US* PLAY.

SCORE 2379
TIME 5:14
RINGS 2

THIS PROGRAM *DOESN'T HAVE A CONTINUE* UNLESS SONIC ENTERS THE *SPECIAL STAGE.*

SINCE HE HASN'T DONE THAT, I DON'T DARE LET YOU BUNGLING BOTS FOUL UP MY GAME!

THE BOSS SEEMS EVEN MORE *INCOHERENT* THAN USUAL, BOCOE.

I DON'T THINK A DICTIONARY IS GOING TO HELP US THIS TIME, DECOE.

I DON'T CARE. HE'S TOO DISTRACTED TO NOTICE THAT I'M EATING ALL THIS *NUTBALL CRUNCH* ICE CREAM. *YUM!*

WE STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND...

...THE POINT OF THIS SCHEME.

I AM GOING TO *PERMANENTLY REMOVE* SONIC AND ALL HIS FURRY LITTLE FRIENDS FROM THIS PLANET ONCE AND FOR ALL.

THEN NOTHING CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF ME CONQUERING THIS PATHETIC PLANET! HA HA HA HA HA HA!
BUT HOW EXACTLY DOES THIS DEATH TRAP WORK?
=SIGH= IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY...
I HAVE TRAPPED SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS IN A DEADLY VIRTUAL REALITY WORLD THAT IS POWERED BY THE MASTER EMERALD.
?
?
BY THE TIME THEY REACH THE FINAL LEVEL OF THE TRAP, THEY WILL HAVE EXPENDED SO MUCH ENERGY THAT IT WILL OVERLOAD THE CIRCUITS OF OUR SECRET WAR. THEN THEY AND THE TRAP WILL BE BLOWN TO KINGDOM COME (OR AT LEAST THE MOON), SOLVING WHAT HAS BEEN AN INFINITE CRISIS ACROSS MULTIPLE EARTHS AND WILL LEAD TO THE ULTIMATE HOUSE OF EGGMAN!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND SIMPLE TO ME, DECOE.
MAYBE HE'S USING A DICTERENT DICTIONARY THAN YOU, BOCOE.
WOULDN'T IT BE SIMPLER JUST TO BLOW THEM UP DIRECTLY?
IT MIGHT BE, BUT THIS CONTROLLER HELPS ME DEVELOP MY HAND/EYE COORDINATION.
OOOOO! THEY'RE ALMOST TO THE STAR LIGHT LEVEL!
EEP!
BOKKUN! ARE YOU EATING MY NUTBALL CRUNCH?!

WHERE DID THAT ERSATZ EGGMAN GO?
HE DISAPPEARED AS SOON AS I GOT TO THE TOP OF THE CAVERN.
WHERE DO WE GO NOW?
I DON'T KNOW. I JUST KEEP GOING.
DO YOU SMELL SOMETHING BURNING?
BOOM BOOM BOOM!
I GUESS WE'VE GOT TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR BOMBS.
YOU THINK?
I THOUGHT I WAS THE HOT STUFF AROUND HERE.
HOW DO WE GET UP THERE? WE'VE ALREADY DISCOVERED I CAN'T FLY IN THIS WORLD.
AND I CAN'T CLIMB.
AND I CAN'T GET MY HAMMERS.
SOMEONE JUMP ON THE OTHER END.
I HAVE AN IDEA...

FLING

EVERYBODY HOP ON!

SHOVE

THUNK!

LET'S GET A MOVE ON.

THIS ISN'T GOOD FOR MY BACK!

SONIC! HELP!

TAILS!

WE'LL SAVE YOU, BUDDY!

GOTCHA!

BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS! I'VE BEEN TRAPPED HERE FOR HOURS.

HAVE YOU LEARNED ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PLACE?

UNTIL I SAW YOU GUYS, I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL HAPPENING *IN MY HEAD*--LIKE A BAD DREAM.

DO YOU THINK IT COULD BE SOME KIND OF *VIRTUAL REALITY* MIND GAME?

IT COULD BE, ROUGE.

HA HA HA!

THEN HOW DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?

WE HAVE *OTHER THINGS* TO WORRY ABOUT RIGHT NOW!

HA HA HA!

BAM

BAM

BAM

POW!

MEANWHILE, THE X-TORNADO CLOSES IN ON THE MASTER EMERALD'S ENERGY TRANSMISSIONS...

THE SCANNER SHOWS THAT THE MASTER EMERALD IS IN THAT BUILDING!

THAT'S EGGMAN'S OLD LAIR!

I THOUGHT IT GOT *BLOWN UP!*

SO DID A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE!

HEH HEH HEH!

I'M WINNING!

BUT THEY JUST BLEW UP YOUR GRAND-FATHER'S SHIP!

SCORE 7125
TIME 6:15
RINGS 0

IT'S JUST A *SPRITE* DESIGNED TO LOOK LIKE MY *GRANDFATHER ROBOTNIK*--THE GENIUS WHO INVENTED THE TECHNOLOGY ON WHICH I BASED THIS BRILLIANT TRAP!

BESIDES--LOOK AT THE *POWER METER*...

SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE EXPENDED SO MUCH ENERGY THAT THEY ARE AT THE DANGER LEVEL.

BY MY CALCULATIONS, ONE MORE MAJOR BATTLE WILL PUSH THEM OVER THE EDGE...

...AND THEY WILL BE SENT TO THE MOON!

AND ONCE I TRANSFORM THE MOON INTO THE EGGMOON, THEY WILL BE DESTROYED ONCE AND FOR ALL!

POWER OUTPUT
NOMINAL
DANGER
KA-BLOOEY

AND IF WE DO GET OUT, WHERE WILL WE BE?

HOPEFULLY SOME PLACE *COZY* WHERE A GIRL CAN GET TO KNOW A BOY BETTER.

IS THERE ANY WAY OUT OF THIS PLACE?

ALL I KNOW IS WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE...

...AND THAT WE ALL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL BECAUSE NONE OF US HAVE ANY RINGS LEFT.

LOOK OUT!

THIS IS NOT MY IDEA OF HAVING A BALL!

POOF

POOF

SONIC! LOOK!

IT'S CREAM, CHEESE, AND VANILLA!
I HAVE TO SAVE THEM!
BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET THERE?
WE DON'T HAVE ANY RINGS TO PROTECT US!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
THE LAST TIME I OPENED ONE OF THEM,* IT HAD A SHIELD INSIDE!
*SEE LAST ISSUE!
YOW! WHAT IS THAT?
CRUNCH
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT I FEEL LIKE I CAN *DO ANYTHING!*
I'M *INVULNERABLE!*
SONIC!
WE'RE SO GLAD TO SEE YOU.
CRASH
CHAO!
THANK YOU FOR SAVING US.

WHAT ABOUT *US?*

I DON'T KNOW. MY INVULNERABILITY HAS WORN OFF!

CHAO!

CHAO! CHAO! CHAO!

PRESS

YOW!

PREPARE TO MEET YOUR ENDS! THIS IS THE FINAL STAGE! HA HAHAHAHA!

HAHAHA

POW POW POW

HEH HEH!

I HAVE ALMOST WON!

FIVE...FOUR... THREE...TWO MORE HITS AND HIS FRIENDS WILL GET THE SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES!

TWO HITS, ONE HIT! NOW!

LAUNCH SEQUENCE ACTIVATED...! THIRTY SECONDS TO KA-BLOOEY.

OF COURSE, WE ALL KNOW HOW MUCH DR. EGGMAN LOVES TO COUNT HIS EGGS BEFORE THEY'RE HATCHED.

HE DIDN'T COUNT ON CHRIS AND CHUCK INFILTRATING HIS OLD BEACHFRONT LAIR.

KA-BLOOEY

NOW IT'S BANG, ZOOM, TO THE MOON!

AND NO ONE CAN STOP ME NOW!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA

KEEP OUT! THIS MEANS YO

THE SCANNER SHOWS THAT THE MASTER EMERALD IS JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR.

SONIC!

TWENTY-FIVE SECONDS TO LAUNCH!

TWENTY SECONDS TO LAUNCH!

WHAT HAPPENED ?

SONIC, YOU'VE GOT TO *MOVE FAST.* EGG-MAN HAS THIS PLACE SET TO *LAUNCH* TO THE *MOON* IN TWENTY SECONDS!

FIFTEEN SECONDS TO LAUNCH!

IT'S DRAWING POWER FROM THE MASTER EMERALD!

EVERYBODY! GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

LAUNCH ABORTED.

SYSTEMS OVERLOADED.

SYSTEMS WILL TERMINATE IN FORTY-TWO SECONDS!

MASTER EMERALD DIS-CONNECTED.

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IT APPEARS EGGMAN TRAPPED YOU IN A VIRTUAL REALITY WORLD THAT WAS PRIMED TO LAUNCH YOU INTO SPACE WHEN YOU REACHED A CERTAIN LEVEL.

OF COURSE. WHY DIDN'T *I* THINK OF THAT?

DIDN'T EGGMAN'S LAIR BLOW UP A LONG TIME AGO.

THINK SO.

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE DID IT AGAIN.

WOW, YOU GUYS WE'RE GREAT!

GUYS?! THE GIRLS STOLE THE SHOW!

WAS THAT *SUPPOSED* TO HAPPEN?

NO! SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE FOILED MY PLANS YET AGAIN!

BUT I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE ONCE I'VE DESTROYED EARTH'S MOON.

GAME OVER

ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO REBUILD THE OLD LAB AGAIN?

÷WAH!÷ WE'RE OUT OF ICE CREAM!

AFTER A QUICK TRIP TO THE SUPERMARKET FOR MORE ICE CREAM, *DOCTOR EGGMAN* PUT HIS PLANS FOR THE MOON INTO ACTION, BUT HIS EVIL SCHEME WAS DEFEATED BY *SONIC* (OF COURSE!). WITH *EGGMAN, DECOE,* AND *BOCOE* IN PRISON FOR THE CRIMES OF *EGGMAN CORPORATION,* HOW WILL *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* KEEP HIMSELF ENTERTAINED?

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